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Relatives as Parents Workshop to be held in Clarksburg For immediate release Thursday, May 13, 2010

CLARKSBURG, W.Va. – The Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia is cosponsoring a free workshop entitled “Relatives as Parents” from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 22, in Clarksburg.

The workshop will be held at the YWCA, 305 Washington Avenue.

Preregistration for the workshop must be made by Friday, May 14. To register, call Mission West Virginia at 1-866-225-5698, or e-mail Laura Lou Harbert at llharbert@missionwv.org.

The workshop is for grandparents, foster parents, attorneys, social workers, and all interested people. The workshop is open to the public, but preregistration is required and capped at 75 participants. Continuing education credits have been approved for attorneys and social workers.

Lunch will be provided. Child care up to age 12 will be provided, but the maximum capacity for childcare has been reached.

Members of the media are welcome to cover this event.

Eleventh Family Court Circuit Judge Mike Kelly will speak about West Virginia grand-parent visitation and minor guardianship law. Joanne M. Brown, a former juvenile and family law judge in California, will discuss what the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 means to families. Judge Brown now works with the National Child Welfare Resource Center on Legal and Judicial Issues.

Other sponsors include Frameworks of Mission West Virginia, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources Bureau for Children and Families, Legal Aid of West Virginia, the American Bar Association, West Virginia University Extension Services, and the West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services.

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